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Application No.: 10/692,863

Filing Date: October 27, 2003

Applicant: Lars STIBLERT et al.

Group Art Unit: 9192

Examiner: Unknown

Title: A METHOD FOR WRITING A PATTERN ON A SURFACE INTENDED FOR USE IN EXPOSURE EQUIPMENT AND FOR MEASURING THE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF THE SURFACE

Attorney Docket: 91000-000008/US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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February 17, 2004

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following

Amendments to the Claims begin on page two (2) of this Preliminary Amendment.

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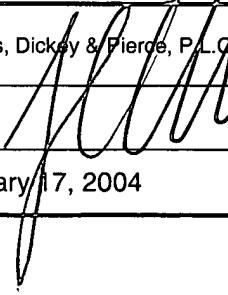
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